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SUBJECT: PANAMA CANAL NEGOTIATIONS AND REQUEST TO PUBLISH
PRESIDENTIAL LETTER

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1. DURING A MEETING ON THE EVENING OF AUG 27, I CONVEYED TO ESCOVAR SALOM THE SUBSTANCE OF PARA 3 REF (A). I ALSO DISCUSSED WITH HIM REF (B) AND THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO CONTINUATION OF NEGOTIATIONS, DRAWING ON THE BACKGROUND MATERIAL PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED TO US.

2. THE FOREIGN MINISTER DID NOT REACT TO OUR INABILITY TO CONSENT TO THE PUBLIC RELEASE OF THE PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE EXCEPT TO SAY THAT HE UNDERSTOOD WHAT OUR POSITION WAS. HE DID EXPRESS GRATIFICATION OVER THE IMPENDING RESUMPTION OF THE NEGOTIATIONS IN PANAMA, WHILE OBSERVING THAT THE GOP'S ENTRY INTO THE NAM IN COMPANY WITH NORTH KOREA AND NORTH VIETNAM DID NOT SEEM TO HIM A PARTICULARLY HELPFUL MOVE AT THIS STAGE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS.

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